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October 30th, 1918

Sir William Meredith,

Chancellor of the University of Toronto.

My dear Mr. Chancellor:

I had intended going to see you before this but for one reason or another I have not accomplished my purpose. You will have seen in the papers that a Deputation from the British Universities are visiting the Universities of the United States and Canada, and that they are to be here on Sunday and Monday. On Monday evening we are having a small dinner for them at the York Club at half past seven o'clock. If you can find it possible to come it will be a great pleasure to us all. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 27th, 1919

Sir William R. Meredith,

Chancellor of the University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I am writing to you to apologise for having called the Committee on Honorary Degrees for Wednesday afternoon without having consulted you previously in the matter. I overlooked the fact entirely until now when the Registrar told me that by statute the committee must be called now before the end of January, and Wednesday afternoon was the only afternoon free in the week. I hope that you will pardon me for this oversight, and if it is not convenient for you to be present I will preside.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 17th, 1919

The Honourable Sir William Mereditn,

Osgoode Hall,

Toronto.

My dear Mr. Chancellor:

I had a visit on Saturday morning from Mr. H. H. Kingsford and we talked over the question of the Chair of Roman Law. I told him that so far I had done nothing except mention to the Board of Governors last Thursday that I hoped they would consent to strengthening the teaching of law in the University now, and in my judgment we ought to endeavour to secure some young man who will make law a factor of real educational value in the Arts course. I have no one in view, but I told Mr. Kingsford that the Governors had adopted a rule of retirement at sixty-five and did not wish to extend the request to any one to remain on the staff after he had reached seventy years of age. In these circumstances Mr. Kingsford felt that he would not wish to press his application.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 22nd, 1919

The Honourable Sir William Meredith, LL.D.,

Chancellor of the University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

We should have before long another meeting of the Committee on Honorary Degrees. Would Monday, 31st March, at four o'clock suit you ? As the Committee is large perhaps it would be most convenient to have it meet in the Senate Chamber.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 4th, 1919

Sir William Meredith,

Chancellor of the University of Toronto.

Dear Sir, Chancellor:

I am sending you the Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees which was presented to the Senate at its last meeting. I do not know whether you would be willing to sign it, as possibly you may not agree with all the recommendations, but if you can will you please sign it on the same page on which my name stands ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 17th, 1919

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

I am told that the Prince of Wales is to visit Canada towards the end of August, and several have spoken to me about our giving him an honorary degree. Also, as you will remember, we are to have a Special Convocation in the early autumn to give degrees to military men. General Currie has already accepted the offer, but we should almost immediately choose some other names. Could you authorise our having a meeting of the Committee on Honorary Degrees on Monday, June 30th, at 4 o'clock ? If we postpone it much later it may be difficult to get the quorum.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir William Mereditb,

Chancellor, University of Toronto.